



DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AWARD APPLICATION

Instructions:

1. Print this document.
2. Open a word processing application (such as Microsoft Word) and answer the questions related to the award category for which you are applying (beginning on page 3 of the application). Be sure to number your responses to coordinate with the questions. You may wish to review the scoring rubrics prior to responding to questions.
3. Save your response document to your computer.
4. Go back to www.teateachers.org/distinguished-educator-award-program-DEAP and click on the link to the online application.
5. **Download the fillable PDF application and open in Adobe Acrobat Reader.** Fill in the form click "submit." You will be directed to then save the file to your computer. Once the file is saved, your computer should ask which email application you would like to open (or it will automatically open the email application you use most). The saved PDF application will automatically attach to a pre-composed/pre-addressed email. You will need to attach your response document to this same email. Click "send." Emails that don't have both the application and responses are considered incomplete and cannot be considered for an award.
6. You should receive a confirmation of receipt email within 48 hours of submitting your application and responses.

CATEGORY IDENTIFICATION

Please mark the appropriate nomination category below:

- Distinguished Classroom Teacher
- Distinguished Educational Support Professional
- Distinguished New Teacher
- Distinguished Administrator
- Distinguished Higher Education Faculty Member

GENERAL INFORMATION

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Current Position / Title / Assignment (e.g. 4th Grade Teacher)

School Name _____ School District _____

School Street Address

School City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Street Address

Home City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

School Phone _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Work Email Address _____ Home Email Address _____

Number of Years of TEA Membership _____ Local Association _____

Name of Local Association President _____ Email for Local Association President _____

QUESTIONS—ONLY ANSWER THE QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE AWARD CATEGORY FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING. RUBRIC POINTS ARE BASED ON A 100-POINT SCALE. THERE ARE NO WORD COUNT LIMITS.

DISTINGUISHED CLASSROOM TEACHER

QUESTIONS	POINT VALUE
1. What led you to a career in public education?	5 points
2. What is your philosophy of teaching?	5 points
3. What experience/realization has had the most profound impact on your career?	10 points
4. What is the biggest challenge facing public education today? How would you address that challenge?	15 points
5. Tell us about a specific challenge you've faced in your career and how you responded.	15 points
6. What do you do to ensure that all students have access to a high-quality education? Provide evidence to support your response. <i>Evidence can include the following: pictures, newspaper articles, school programs, certificates, awards, announcements, acknowledgements, webpages, videos, PowerPoint (or comparable), or digital portfolios.</i>	25 points
7. Explain a lesson/unit you conducted that demonstrates access to a high-quality education for all students. Provide evidence that reflects reasons for conducting this lesson/unit and results of student success.	25 points
BONUS QUESTIONS	
A. Describe your contributions to the education profession through your work with your local association, TEA, and/or NEA.	Up to 5 points
B. List any additional professional/educational organizations to which you belong. Also include any leadership roles, elected positions, and any noteworthy accomplishments or activities within these organizations.	Up to 5 points

DISTINGUISHED ADMINISTRATOR

QUESTIONS	POINT VALUE
1. What led you to a career in public education?	5 points
2. What is your philosophy of leadership?	5 points
3. What experience/realization has had the most profound impact on your career?	10 points
4. What is the biggest challenge facing public education today? How would you address that challenge?	15 points
5. Tell us about a specific challenge you've faced in your career and how you responded.	15 points
6. Explain how you provided feedback to an educator or fellow administrator based on their area of refinement. Provide evidence to support your response. <i>Evidence can include the following: pictures, newspaper articles, school programs, certificates, awards, announcements, acknowledgements, webpages, videos, PowerPoint (or comparable), or digital portfolios.</i>	25 points
7. How do you engage external agencies or community partners to improve school climate or student achievement? Provide evidence that demonstrates your engagement with external agencies or community partners and its impact on student learning.	25 points
BONUS QUESTIONS	
A. Describe your contributions to the education profession through your work with your local association, TEA, and/or NEA.	Up to 5 points
B. List any additional professional/educational organizations to which you belong. Also include any leadership roles, elected positions, and any noteworthy accomplishments or activities within these organizations.	Up to 5 points

DISTINGUISHED EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL

QUESTIONS	POINT VALUE
1. What led you to a career in public education?	5 points
2. What experience/realization has had the most profound impact on your career?	5 points
3. What is the biggest challenge facing public education today? How would you address that challenge?	10 points
4. Tell us about a specific challenge you've faced in your career and how you responded.	15 points
5. What do you do to inspire students, parents, and fellow educators?	15 points
6. How do you contribute to students' success? Provide evidence to support your response. <i>Evidence can include the following: pictures, newspaper articles, school programs, certificates, awards, announcements, acknowledgements, webpages, videos, PowerPoint (or comparable), or digital portfolios.</i>	25 points
7. How do your personal characteristics and community roles positively impact your work in the school district? Provide evidence to support your response.	25 points
BONUS QUESTIONS	
A. Describe your contributions to the education profession through your work with your local association, TEA, and/or NEA.	Up to 5 points
B. List any additional professional/educational organizations to which you belong. Also include any leadership roles, elected positions, and any noteworthy accomplishments or activities within these organizations.	Up to 5 points

DISTINGUISHED HIGHER EDUCATION FACULTY MEMBER

QUESTIONS	POINT VALUE
1. What led you to a career in public education?	5 points
2. What is your philosophy of teaching?	5 points
3. What experience/realization has had the most profound impact on your career?	10 points
4. What is the biggest challenge facing public education today? How would you address that challenge?	15 points
5. Tell us about a specific challenge you've faced in your career and how you responded.	15 points
6. What do you do to ensure that all students have access to a high-quality education? Provide evidence to support your response. <i>Evidence can include the following: pictures, newspaper articles, school programs, certificates, awards, announcements, acknowledgements, webpages, videos, PowerPoint (or comparable), or digital portfolios.</i>	25 points
7. Explain a lesson/unit you conducted that demonstrates access to a high-quality education for all students. Provide evidence that reflects reasons for conducting this lesson/unit and results of student success.	25 points
BONUS QUESTIONS	
A. Describe your contributions to the education profession through your work with your local association, TEA, and/or NEA.	Up to 5 points
B. List any additional professional/educational organizations to which you belong. Also include any leadership roles, elected positions, and any noteworthy accomplishments or activities within these organizations.	Up to 5 points

DISTINGUISHED NEW TEACHER

QUESTIONS	POINT VALUE
8. What led you to a career in public education?	5 points
9. What is your philosophy of teaching?	5 points
10. What experience/realization has had the most profound impact on your career?	10 points
11. What is the biggest challenge facing public education today? How would you address that challenge?	15 points
12. Tell us about a specific challenge you've faced in your career and how you responded.	15 points
13. What do you do to ensure that all students have access to a high-quality education? Provide evidence to support your response. <i>Evidence can include the following: pictures, newspaper articles, school programs, certificates, awards, announcements, acknowledgements, webpages, videos, PowerPoint (or comparable), or digital portfolios.</i>	25 points
14. Explain a lesson/unit you conducted that demonstrates access to a high-quality education for all students. Provide evidence that reflects reasons for conducting this lesson/unit and results of student success.	25 points
BONUS QUESTIONS	
A. Describe your contributions to the education profession through your work with your local association, TEA, and/or NEA.	Up to 5 points
B. List any additional professional/educational organizations to which you belong. Also include any leadership roles, elected positions, and any noteworthy accomplishments or activities within these organizations.	Up to 5 points